**THE NEED FOR BUILDING A SECURE SOCIETY**

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Indians emerging from university or college into a profoundly different labour market and economic system than were faced by their predecessors. They will enter a world full of uncertainty, with a global class structure in which they will be expected to be more entrepreneurial than at any time in the past.

As such, they will need to understand the structural realities and to appreciate the need for a more comprehensive education for principles of social solidarity. You may need help at some time, and you should accept the need for mechanisms for security for everybody around you.

Consider the emerging class structure in our globalising market system, in which India is fast becoming a core country of the global system. At the top is a plutocracy, it consists of a few fabulously rich household names, living in an objectionable opulence. They reflect a winner-takes-all market system. Some readers may dream of joining this elite. But there is no economic or moral justification for the degree of their affluence, especially given what is happening to hundreds of millions of people deprived of the very basics of humanity.

In terms of income, way below the plutocracy are the salaried, those who are employed in the public sector and corporations. Around the world, not just in India, the salariat is not growing, and many in it are finding that the benefits and protection their predecessors had are under strain. Even large firms can be taken over, sold or cut up, while much of the public sector is being restructured. But many will continue to aspire to join its ranks. Beware. That could be a glide into poverty, taking away the benefits of skill and restructuring. And many will continue to aspire to join its ranks. Beware. That could be a glide into poverty, taking away the benefits of skill and restructuring.